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## FCC ANNOUNCES RENEWAL OF THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL AND REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces renewal of the charter for the North American Numbering Council (NANC or Council) through September 18, 2017, and seeks applications for new members who wish to join the Council. Interested parties should submit their nominations for membership by 11:59 P.M. EDT, September 25, 2015.

## NANC MISSION

The mission of the NANC is to advise the Commission, and to make recommendations that foster efficient and impartial administration of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). The NANC advises the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues, initially resolves disputes as directed by the Commission, and provides guidance to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, the Pooling Administrator, the Local Number Portability Administrator, and the Billing and Collection agent, as directed by the Commission. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council ensures that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives:

- (1) Facilitating entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers;
- (2) Not unduly favoring or disfavoring any particular industry segment or group of consumers;
- (3) Not unduly favoring or disfavoring one technology over another;
- (4) Providing consumers with easy access to communications services; and
- (5) Ensuring that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

## WHO MAY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Commission seeks applications from every sector of the telecommunications industry, as well as members representing NANP member countries, the states, and consumers.

The Commission is particularly interested in individuals in the following categories:

- State regulators and telecommunications officials;
- Communications service providers of all sizes, especially small and mid-size providers, and
  organizations representing such communications service providers, including wireline and
  wireless communications service providers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol and
  other IP-enabled service providers, and cable service providers;
- Consumer and community organizations; and
- Telecommunications equipment manufacturers.

Members will be appointed as representatives of the telecommunications industry, or as representatives of consumers of telecommunications. Council members will not serve as "Special Government Employees."

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined below and received by the Commission no later than 11:59 P.M. EDT, September 25, 2015.

The applicant must submit a letter to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, requesting consideration for membership on the NANC, *via* e-mail to <u>WCBChief@fcc.gov</u>, with a courtesy copy of the request to Carmell Weathers *via* e-mail to carmell weathers@fcc.gov.

The letter should include nominations for a primary member and an alternate member, and provide confirmation that the nominees are authorized by the organization to represent it on the Council. For primary members, we seek nominees who are high ranking officials/executives in their organizations

The letter should also include the following information:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominees and a description of the organization and interests the nominees will represent;
- Nominees' postal mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and facsimile number (if
  the mailing address is not acceptable for public announcement, please include another address
  suitable for publication);
- A statement summarizing the nominees' qualifications and reasons that the nominees should be appointed to the NANC;
- A statement indicating the willingness of the applicants to actively participate in good faith in the objectives of the Council; and
- A statement confirming that the applicants are not registered federal lobbyists.

Please note this Public Notice is not intended to be the exclusive method by which the Commission will solicit nominations from qualified candidates. All candidates for membership on the Council will, however, be subject to the same evaluation criteria.

For further information contact: Carmell Weathers, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 202-418-2325 (phone), <a href="mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov">carmell.weathers@fcc.gov</a> (e-mail).

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